



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re F	atent Application of)
Marc Birkner et al.		Group Art Unit:
Application No.: 09/831,745		Examiner:
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For:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING A PORTABLE OBJECT) }

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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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